

## **REMARKS**

Claims 56, 57, 63–66, 70, 94, 95 and 114–118 are pending in this application. Claims 94, 95 and 114–118 are canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer. However, the cancellation of these claims does not represent an acquiescence or agreement with any of the outstanding rejections set forth in the Office Action. In light of these amendments and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application and allowance of the pending claims to issue.

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 56, 57, 63–66 and 70 are deemed allowed by the Examiner. The issues raised by the Examiner are addressed hereinbelow in the order in which they are presented in the Office Action

### **I. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph**

The Office Action states that claims 94, 95 and 114–118 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite.

Claims 94, 95 and 114–118 are canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer, thereby mooting this rejection and Applicants respectfully request its withdrawal.

### **II. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)**

The Office Action states that claims 94, 95 and 114–118 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Mummidi et al. (Mummidi et al. (1998) *Nature Medicine* 4:786–793)

Claims 94, 95 and 114–118 are canceled herein without prejudice, thereby mooting this rejection and Applicants respectfully request its withdrawal.

### III. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

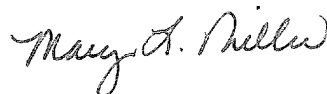
The Office Action states that claims 94, 95 and 114–118 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Kaslow (U.S. Patent No. 6,372,435).

Claims 94, 95 and 114–118 are canceled herein without prejudice, thereby mooting this rejection and Applicants respectfully request its withdrawal.

Having addressed all of the issues raised by the Examiner in the pending Office Action, Applicants believe this application to be in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged and invited to contact the undersigned directly, if such contact will expedite the prosecution of the pending claims to issue. In the event that the Examiner fails to find all of the pending claims allowable upon review, applicants respectfully request a telephone interview with the Examiner prior to the issuance of any further actions for this application.

No fee is believed due. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

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